PRESIDENT: Is it your point that the Periyar should *first* be investigated before any other river?

MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad* cum *Parur*): I do not say that. I only say that it should also be taken up first along with the other rivers.

PRESIDENT: There can only be one first. It is the object of the motion to investigate all the important rivers.

The first item of the demand for supplementary grant was put to the vote and sanctioned.

PRESIDENT: The next item relates to the extension of the chemistry laboratory in the Science College. In regard to that there was some slight difference of opinion.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): I withdraw my objection.

The second item of the grant was also sanctioned.

The third item of the demand was sanctioned and the whole grant of Rs. 26,000 was made.

DEMAND XXI—ANCHAL.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 300 for the re-introduction of motor service for the transport of Anchal mail between Kottayam and Parur.

As the House knows, the Anchal mail between Kottayam and Parur is now run temporarily by a batch of extra runners. Some time ago, in Dhanu 1096, Government established an anchal motor service between Kottayam and Parur and it was running for about 11 months, *i. e.*, until Vrischikam, 1097, when that service had to be discontinued on account of the unsatisfactory manner in which it was being run and also because certain portions of the road between Kottayam and Parur were not in order. Since then this temporary runners' service has been introduced and year after year the Government have been pointing out that, owing to the want of reliable contractors, it has not been possible to reintroduce the anchal motor service in that line. Even in the Administration Report of 1098 M. E. it was observed:

> "The runner service is kept up in the interior where cheap or regular motor transport is not available and between Kottayam and Parur in the main line owing to the difficulty in securing reliable motor service there."

When the Anchal Superintendent went on circuit to Muvattupuzha and other places recently, the people there bitterly complained of the delay and other difficulties to which they were being put on account of the absence of an anchal motor service. The members of the Rama Varma Club, Muvattupuzha, went to him on deputation and specifically pointed out this difficulty. He made enquiries, and as a result a contractor has now gone up to him with a request that he may be allowed to run the motor service between Kottayam and Parur. Since it is necessary for him to invest a certain amount of money at the beginning, the contract has to be given to the applicant for a period of time—

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[Mr. I. C. Chacko.]

say 5 years. Government have therefore thought it necessary to come up before the Council for this additional grant. The remaining portion of the expenditure on this account will be met by the Anchal Superintendent from the amount provided under transit charges which comes to Rs. 32,000 for the current year. I therefore move for the grant.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY (*Changanachery cum Minachil*): Sir, I have great pleasure in supporting the grant. In doing so, I desire to bring to the notice of the House the desirability of extending the Anchal motor service to the travelling public also. I know, for some time, the motor service was running from Kottayam to Alwaye *via* Muvattupuzha and it was doing much good to the travelling public. The anchal motor service used to take some travellers also and this was a great relief to the travellers from Kottayam to Parur and Alwaye and other places. It is a well-known fact that travelling facilities in North Travancore are very poor when compared to other places. That is the reason why there is so much of complaint and demand about the extension of the railway. But I am afraid that the introduction of the railway will take some time. Till then it is better to have motor service from Kottayam to Parur so as to extend the facilities to the travelling public. I am glad that this will serve as a beginning to that end. My point is that Government should give substantial help to some respectable company so that there may be a regular bus service from Kottayam to Alwaye or Parur as we have got such service between Nagercoil and Trivandrum and Kottayam and Kottarakara. Now it will become very advantageous to the public if motor service is opened. Until we have the regular railway extension, this bus service will at least be a good substitute.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*) : May I know whether there is not the same need for having a motor service between Trivandrum and Quilon in view of the peculiar timings regarding the railway service?

PRESIDENT: I may mention, for your information, that there are buses running between Quilon and Trivandrum at present.

The grant was sanctioned.

DEMAND XXIV—LOANS.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 25,000 under Demand XXIV—Loans—for aiding the starting of a factory for desiccated cocoanut industry in the State.

You are aware, Sir, that cocoanut is commercially the most important agricultural produce of the country. Every experiment, every attempt, to enhance its value or its production must be welcome to Travancore. Some time ago, the Department of Industries took up the study of the possibility of manufacturing desiccated cocoanut in the State. I collected statistics of production and consumption of desiccated cocoanut and of the prices of this material and Malabar and

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